about electricity in general and less in particular. The fundamental principles about circuits and the production of sparks, and the ancient idea about lightning-rods, as explained by lightning-rod agents are old, and were read in the earlier works used in the academies and colleges, but the advancement of science in this direction since the average middle-aged Virginian left school are branches of the subject with which he is acquainted only to the extent that every-day life has forced him to learn. In fact, the information is mainly confined to those technically schooled or professionally engaged. The House of Delegates, where the committee met, was crowded long before the hour of meeting. Pozens of ladies were head of the stated, however, that the audience had not assembled to listen to a discussion of the measure before the committee, but to hear and see Prof. Thomas A. Edison, the great electrician, who, it had been announced, would speak in advocacy that the common would not remedy its \$4,000 worth of copper wire was necessary. In the subject of water, He told of the addifference between continuous, pulsating and alternating currents, and their similarity to rivers, mountain streams, &c., and will be rivers mountain streams, &c., and will be and continue to rivers mountain streams, &c., and will be and continue to rivers, mountain streams, &c., and will be a continued to rivers, mountain streams, &c., and will be and continue to rivers, mountain streams, &c., and will be made the subject of water. He told of the addifference between continuous, pulsating and alternating currents, and their similarity to rivers, mountain streams, &c., and will be read volts.

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Patron-Mr. Lovenstein. Referred to the Committee on General Laws.

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HOME-MADE LIGHTNING.

PROFESSOR EDISON AND OTHERS

TALK ABOUT ELECTRICITY.

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JUDGE GARNETT.

THE ELECTRIC EMPLOYES.

STILL ON THE INCREASE.

Mr. William L. Cowardin died yesterday morning shortly after 8 o'clock, at his residence in Henrice courny, a short distance beyond the eastern limits of the city.

Mr. Cowardin was in his seventy-second year, and, for a man of his age, had enjoyed unusually good health and culture of the antique of the variety and vigorous constitution.

He was the president of the Virginia Fire and Marine Insurance Company, and personally attended to his dutice as such, until last Tuesday a week ago, when he was the cause of his death.

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MANCHESTER MATTERS.

MR. WILLIAMS' APPEAL

PRESBYTERIAN UNION.

Mass-Meeting to be Held to Advance the Project.

A meeting was held Monday night at the Grace-street Presbyterian Church in the interest of organizing a Presbyterian Union of Richmond and Manchestor, as suggested to the postorial of the Dodson, returned to the city resters to the President, San suggested to the general meeting, the following year: President, S. W. Travers: First Vice-President, W. J. Whitehurst; Second Vice-President, James T. Gray: Third Vice-President, Maurice T. Smith; Treasurer, William Ellywon: Recording Secretary, J. B. Walthall, and these, with the following constitute the board of directors: Robert

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